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RIVERSIDE FIRE HOST BOMBERO'S FROM MEXICO

RIVERSIDE – The City of Riverside Fire Department and The Riverside City Firefighters' Association Local 1067 is proud to announce a joint effort supporting and sponsoring training to visiting Firefighters from Mexico. A total of 50 bomberos (firefighters) will be taking part in a week long training event that will be dedicated to our fallen brother Nick Barrios. The bomberos will be arriving on June 5, 2011 and will remain until June 11, 2011. Among the participating cities will be Riverside's sister cities of Cuautla and Ensenada.

San Bernardino County Fire will be hosting the week long training and we as a department and union will be assisting by providing volunteers to instruct classes, house 10 bomberos at our fire stations, and provide food with a donation given by the Riverside City Firefighters' Association Local 1067. The goal of the *Bombero Program 2011* is to provide fellowship in the International Fire Service and to give the Bomberos new skills and ideas to further assist their communities. San Bernardino County and Riverside County fire agencies have been actively involved in this program for decades and Engineer Nick Barrios was an active participant through his 10 year career as a member of City of Riverside Fire Department.

The Riverside and San Bernardino Fire Chiefs Association share the responsibility of hosting this event every other year. On the off years the event is held in Northern California with the coordination of the Northern California Fire Chiefs Association. During the week the bomberos are here we will be conducting the majority of the training in Victorville at multiple locations. Among those locations are Victor Valley College, Victorville SCLA Building, and SBCF Station #311. The training will cover a wide variety of subjects that will range from ICS (Incident Command System) to firefighter survival.

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